

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 14 without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 1-6, 9-21, 23, 24, 26-28 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

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an [reading means for reading] image reader, arranged to read image information recorded on a recording medium, the image information comprising character data including a character train, which in turn includes a name and a phone number;

an image memory [means] for storing the read image information;

an image memory [control means for controlling] controller, arranged to control said image memory [means] to store the read image information;

[recognizing means for, recognizing] a character recognizer, arranged to recognize the character train;

an [extracting means for extracting] extractor, arranged to extract the name and the phone number from the recognized character train;

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a character memory [means] for storing the extracted name and phone number;

a character memory [control means for controlling] controller, arranged to control said character memory [means] to store the extracted name and phone number;

a display [control means for causing to be displayed] controller, arranged to cause to display on a display device, the image information read by [said] the [reading means] image reader and an input frame to which at least the stored name and phone number are input; and

[means for causing] a character displayer, arranged to cause the stored name and phone number to be displayed at a predetermined position on the displayed input frame.

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3. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the character data recognized by said [recognizing means] character recognizer is registered in said [registering means] registerer in accordance with a type of the character data.

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4. (Thrice Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

[manual means for entering, correcting or changing character data] a manual entry interface, arranged to accept the entry, correction, or change of character data;

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an image reader, arranged to read [reading means for reading] first image information recorded on a recording medium, the first image information comprising character data including a character train, which in turn includes a name and a phone number, and second image information which does not include the name the phone number;

a character recognizer, arranged to recognize [recognizing means for recognizing] the character train;

[pick-up means for picking] an extractor, arranged to pick up the name and the [ne] phone number from the recognized character train;

a registerer, arranged to register [registering means for registering] the picked-up name and phone number;

a memory [control means for controlling] controller, arranged to control said [registering means] registerer to register the picked-up name and phone number, and for allowing said manual [means] entry interface to correct or change the registered name and phone number;

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[control means for causing to be displayed] a display controller, arranged to cause to be displayed on a display device, the first image information read by said [reading means] image reader, an input frame to which at least the registered name and phone number are input, and the name and the phone number stored in said [registering means] registerer displayed within the input frame; and

[correction means for correcting] a corrector, arranged to correct the name and phone number displayed on the display device in accordance with the character data entered by said manual [means] entry interface.

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5. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim [1] 6, wherein said communication [control means] controller performs control of making a phone call on the basis of the phone number searched for by said [searching means] searcher.

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6. (Thrice Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:
an [reading means for reading] image reader, arranged to read first image information recorded on a recording medium, the first image formation comprising character data including a character train, which in turn

includes a name and a phone number, and second image formation which does not include the name and the phone number;

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a [recognizing means for recognizing]
character recognizer, arranged to recognize a character train included in the first and second image information read by said image reading [means];

an [pick-up means for picking up] extractor,
arranged to pick up the name and the phone number from the recognized character train;

a [registering means for registering]
registerer, arranged to register the picked-up name and phone number;

a memory [control means for controlling]
controller, arranged to control said [registering means] registerer to register the picked-up name and phone number, for causing said [registering means] registerer to register a plurality of the picked-up names and phone numbers, and for allowing said apparatus to manually correct or change the registered names and phone numbers;

a [searching means for searching] searcher,
arranged to search the plurality of registered phone numbers

for a desired phone number in accordance with a desired,
corresponding name;

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a [control means for causing] display
controller, arranged to cause to be displayed on a display
device, the first image information read by said [reading
means] image reader, an input frame to which at least the
registered name and phone number are input, and the
registered name and phone number displayed within the input
frame;

a [selecting means for selecting] selector,
arranged to select one of the plurality of phone numbers;

a communication [control means for performing]
controller, arranged to perform facsimile communication of
the second image information on the basis of the one phone
number selected by said [selecting means] selector; and

a [storage means for storing] storer, arranged
to store a document to be transmitted,

wherein said communication [control means]
controller controls the transmission of the document on the
basis of the desired phone number searched for by said
[searching means] searcher.

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9. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1,
wherein said communication [control means] controller
performs control of making a phone call on the basis of the
phone number selected by said [selecting means] selector.

10. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1,
wherein said [reading means] image reader is located on an
upper surface of a main body of said information processing
apparatus.

11. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1,
wherein said display [means] device comprises a liquid
crystal display device.

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12. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 4,
wherein said display [means] controller displays the image
information read by said [reading means] image reader and the
character data recognized by said [recognizing means]
character recognizer.

13. An apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein the
character data recognized by said [recognizing means]

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recognizer is registered in said [registering means]
registerer in accordance with a type of the character data.

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15. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 6,
wherein said display [means displays] controller causes to be
displayed the image information read by said [reading means]
image reader and the character data recognized by said
[recognizing means] recognizer.

16. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 6,
wherein the character data recognized by said [recognizing
means] character recognizer is registered in said
[registering means] registerer in accordance with a type of
the character data.

17. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 6,
wherein said communication [control means] controller
performs control of making a phone call on the basis of the
phone number searched for by said [searching means] searcher.

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18. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1,
further comprising [first determination means for
determining] a first discriminator, arranged to determine

whether information based on the recognition result obtained by said [recognizing means] character recognizer is to be registered.

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19. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising [second determination means for determining] a second discriminator, arranged to determine whether the image information read by said [reading means] image reader and information based on the recognition result obtained by said [recognizing means] character recognizer are to be registered.

20. (Amendment) An apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising [manual means for correcting] a manual entry interface, arranged to correct the recognition result obtained by said [recognizing means] character recognizer.

21. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising [instruction means for providing] an instructor, arranged to provide an instruction for instructing said [reading means] image reader to read the image information, the instruction being provided on a display screen of the display device.

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23. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 22,
further comprising [instruction means for providing] an
instructor, arranged to provide an instruction for
instructing said [reading means] image reader to read the
image information, the instruction being provided on a
display screen of said display device.

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24. (Amended) An information processing apparatus
comprising:

[reading means for reading] an image reader,
arranged to read image information recorded on a recording
medium, the image information comprising character data, the
character data including a name and a phone number;

a [converting means for recognizing] a
converter, arranged to recognize the read image information
and [for converting] to convert the character data into
character information;

a [display control means causing] display
controller arranged to cause to be displayed on a display
device, the image information read by said [reading means]
image reader and an input frame to which the character
information is input; and

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[means for causing] a character displayer,
arranged to cause the converted character formation to be
displayed at a predetermined position on displayed input
frame.

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26. (Amended) An information processing apparatus
comprising:

[reading means for reading] an image reader,
arranged to read image information recorded on a recorded
medium, the image information comprising character data;

[converting means for recognizing] a
converter, arranged to recognize the read image information
and [for converting] to convert the character data into first
character information;

[input means for inputting] an inputter,
arranged to input second character information;

a [memory means for storing] a memory,
arranged to store the first and second character information;

[control means for causing] a storage
controller, arranged to cause the first character information
converted by said converting means and the second character
information input by said input means to be stored in said
memory [means]; and

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[display control means causing] a display controller, arranged to cause to be displayed on a display device, the image information read by said [reading means] image reader and a data frame in which the first and second character information stored in said memory [means] is arranged.

27. (Amended) An information processing method comprising:

a reading step for reading image information recorded on a recording medium, the image information [comprising] including character data;

a converting step for recognizing the read image information and converting the character data into first character information;

an input step for inputting second character information;

a control step for causing the first character information converted in said converting step and the second character information input in said inputting step to be stored in a memory [means];

a display control step for causing to be displayed on a display, the image information read in said a

reading step, and a data frame in which the stored first and second character information is arranged.

28. (Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

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[reading means for reading] an image reader, arranged to read image information recording on a business card size recording medium, the image information comprising character data;

[converting means for recognizing] a converter, arranged to recognize the image information read by said [reading means] image reader and for converting the character data into character information; and

[control means for causing] a display controller, arranged to cause to be displayed on a display device, the image information read by said [reading means] image reader, the character information converted by said [converting means] converter displayed in place of the image information, an input frame to which the character data is input, and the converted character information displayed within the input frame.